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For: SOLID PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITION CONTAINING
BENZOFURAN DERIVATIVES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows prior to calculation of the filing fee:

In the Specification:

At page 1, preceding line 1, add the following title:

-- Solid Pharmaceutical Compositions Containing Benzofuran Derivatives --.

At page 17, table b), line 2 of the column entitled Ingredients, amend "400 mg" to read --
200 mg --.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) [Solid] A solid pharmaceutical composition for oral administration [characterized
in that it comprises] comprising a benzofuran derivative with antiarrhythmic activity, or [one of
the] a pharmaceutically acceptable [salts] salt thereof, as an active principle, and a
pharmaceutically acceptable nonionic hydrophilic surfactant optionally in combination with one
or more pharmaceutical excipients.